

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 352

By Borchert

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Kate Ridgeway upon her selection as Henry County Extension Director.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mary Kate Ridgeway, who was recently named Extension Director for Henry County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ridgeway is the second female extension director in West Tennessee and brings more than thirty years of experience to the position; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kate Ridgeway served with acumen and alacrity as the 4-H agent for twenty-three years before rendering astute service as the adult and family agent, in which positions she earned the respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, her successful 4-H program boasted over 1,600 youth members and was the first county program in the state to have over 1,000 4-H members participating in a public speaking project; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Science Education and a master's degree in Education, Mrs. Ridgeway has won numerous awards for her work; and

WHEREAS, in her new position, Mary Kate Ridgeway will continue to work in family and consumer science program areas and resource development, in addition to the administrative responsibilities of the extension office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ridgeway epitomizes the spirit of commitment and dedication to excellence that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many awards and accomplishments aside, Mary Kate Ridgeway is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, former State Representative Don Ridgeway, and the support she receives from their son, John Penn, and his wife, Melissa; she is also the proud grandmother of Walker and Jackson; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mary Kate Ridgeway for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mary Kate Ridgeway upon her selection as Henry County Extension Director, salute her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.